



Jack The Ripper

The historical context

Jack the Ripper committed his crimes in 1888 during the Victorian Era named after Queen Victoria, the longest reigning monarch of all time. Jack the Ripper was the world's first documented serial killer. The XIXth century in England was the most violent so far, it was time of "Industrial Revolution", and England was called "Black England" because they had so many factories. England held the top position when it came to economic power. But the poverty was rife, 80% of the population was impoverished and many of the poor lived in Whitechapel. Many of Whitechapel's women were prostitutes and Jack The Ripper went there to murder them. It was time of Eugenics; the British saw themselves as a "master race" that should be conserved.

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